

the prisoners in the world and young Black men at eight-times the population rate of the Black men of South Africa at the height of Apartheid. They happen among immigrants in the housing projects of France. They occur among the farmers of Vieques and fishers of the Marshal Islands whose livelihoods and health have been damaged by years of bomb testing and with school-aged children in broken neighborhoods; with Afghan nationals in the cells of Guantanamo; and in secret prisons in Eastern Europe and Saudi Arabia. All over our world, where governments and institutions fail to protect their citizens or actively harm them, the earthquake happens. And when those who suffer are forgotten, the devastation is terrible.

Consider the political activists who were imprisoned in the late 1960s and 1970s. Richard Williams was one of them. Following 9/11, he was placed in isolation for 15 months without cause. He was given poor medical care, which often occurs in prison. He passed this month, at the age of 58, and we remember him. Remember Marilyn Buck, Leonard Peltier, Oscar Lopez and others who have languished in prison. Remember Assata Shakur, who has a price on her head. In June, ten environmental and animal protection activists from the San Francisco Bay area were subpoenaed to a grand jury after police raids failed to produce evidence of criminal wrongdoing. Since the Patriot Act passed, our government has acquired vastly broadened authority to monitor, arrest and detain citizens. We have learned that freedoms not protected will erode.

Recently, I traveled to the Gulf Coast after the hurricanes, carrying supplies and assessing what we could do to help. I met a little boy, about 10 or 11, collecting toys for his younger brother and sister. When his turn came, there were no appropriate toys in the can for him. He turned away, dejected. Then I remembered that my 5-year-old niece had given me her most precious rubber frog and told me to give it to somebody special. I pulled the frog out of my pocket and gave it to the boy. His face lit up and he ran off with it, laughing and teasing his little brother. In that moment, the disaster was forgotten and he was just a boy again.

The prisons of the U.S. hold fathers and mothers whose children, more likely than not, will grow up in an earthquake of poverty and chaos. You probably know some of them, because the invisible flood of incarceration is enormous, but you may not know the secrets that keep because discrimination is a powerful force in their lives. Remember them. What could you do for the children? What could you do for someone who is ill? How much could be done by remembrance and a well-placed word for political prisoners and indigenous peoples of contaminated lands. Remember those who suffer from the secret tsunamis of our world today, and consider that is in your hand. What will you do with what you have?

CONGRATULATING BREEANNA AND SADIE LANCASTER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2006

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate sisters Breeanna and Sadie Lancaster for their outstanding performance in the Pony of the Americas Horse Show.

Breeanna and Sadie both placed in the top 10 of the recent show and received awards at

the State Chapter Banquet on January 15, 2006.

Breeanna placed first overall in the 9-to-12 years-old category. She scored first place in showmanship, reining, western riding, trail, bareback equitation, and horsemanship and jumping competitions; second place in western pleasure and junior English pleasure, and third place in junior western pleasure, junior trail and open and Indian costume competitions.

Sadie placed second overall in the 9-to-12 years-old category. She placed first in times and senior English pleasure competitions; second place in reining.

At the banquet, Breeanna was named "Top Rider" for the Texas POA Club for 2005 and Sadie was the third overall in the State chapter. Breeanna was also given the Lance P. Scott Award for the most overall points in a year. She was also awarded the Diane Goodman Tennant Showmanship Traveling Award given annually to the point exhibitor who accumulated the most showmanship points in their age group for that year.

These young ladies exemplify hard work and a commitment to excellence. Both ladies have overcome obstacles to persevere and to have winning seasons.

I extend my sincere congratulations to Ms. Breeanna and Ms. Sadie Lancaster for their extreme dedication and persistence to their extra curricular activities. These young ladies serve as an inspiration for all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2006

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, February 9, 2006, I was unable to be present to vote on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 670, congratulating the National Football League champion Pittsburgh Steelers for winning Super Bowl XL, rollcall vote 5; on the motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 657, honoring the contribution of Catholic schools, rollcall vote 6; and on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297, the Tax Relief Extension Reconciliation Act, rollcall vote 7. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on motions to suspend the rules and pass H. Res. 670 and H. Res. 657 and "nay" on the motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 4297.

TRIBUTE TO BONNIE TERRY

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2006

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend who left us far too soon. On January 27, 2006, Bonnie Terry lost her long struggle with breast cancer despite drawing on the same determination she had used to change the lives of many others. I miss her laugh and her belief that any problem was solvable so long as we worked together. Bonnie Terry was a community activist, a pillar of faith for the United Methodist Church, and a shining example of the power of people to make the world a better place.

This is a loss not only for her family, friends, and colleagues but also for San Antonio. We lost a relentless yet optimistic advocate for a range of causes. The causes she fought for reads like a master list of different organizations to help the disadvantaged. Bonnie worked with Habitat for Humanity, United Way, American Red Cross and Network Power/Texas, which promotes women's issues. During and after the 1998 floods, Bonnie served as executive director of the San Antonio Interfaith Flood Recovery Alliance. Our community is now poorer for her absence.

So relentless was her drive, not even illness stopped Bonnie from working. While fighting breast cancer, she visited my office during the Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation's annual visit last May. She told her story to me and to other lawmakers. Like so many other Americans, she had fallen into the widening fissures of our health care system and found herself in need of the type of help she had spent her life providing to others. Bonnie testified for the need for insurance support for cancer treatment at a National Breast Cancer Coalition meeting in Washington seeking legislative policy for access for quality care. Moreover, Bonnie made a point of attending the coalition's meeting with Senator HILLARY CLINTON.

Like many in our city, Bonnie hailed from elsewhere, but there should be no doubt that she made San Antonio her home. Born in Germany, Bonnie was the child of a military family that eventually settled in San Antonio. She graduated from Jefferson High School, San Antonio College, and the University of Texas at San Antonio. However, even while working on her bachelor's degree, it was apparent that Bonnie would match her education to her faith in making her life's work. People will always seek a higher purpose in life. Bonnie found hers in serving others and in doing so making their lives better.

If Bonnie's determination was the vessel for her actions, faith was her North Star. Steeped in the United Methodist Church, Bonnie sought to implement the teachings of the Lord. She served as an urban missionary at Travis Park United Methodist Church where she energized a food bank and outreach program, which the Reverend Bert Clayton, a long-time friend, said this was one of her greatest feats. Her next project focused on the downtown's homeless community. The Reverend John Flowers, pastor at Travis Park, said Bonnie helped envision a day center for homeless or transitional people there that opened in 2004.

My prayers and thoughts go out to her sisters, brothers, nieces and nephews. I hope it comforts them in their time of grief that Bonnie was a beloved figure in San Antonio. We will miss her.

TRIBUTE TO MRS. SALLY FOX

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 16, 2006

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the public service and remarkable community involvement of Mrs. Sally Fox.

Born in Denver, CO, to school teachers, Mrs. Fox devoted much of her life to public schools in Colorado. In addition to other volunteer efforts, Mrs. Fox served as president of